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A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, was received late this Evening from Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of York, by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Head-Quarters, Zuyper Zluys,*
*October 4, 1799.*

SIR,

THE Inclemency of the Weather which prevailed at the Time of writing my last Dispatch, and which, as I therein explained, alone prevented me from putting the Army in Motion, having in some Measure subsided, and the necessary previous Arrangements having been made, the Attack was commenced on the whole of the Enemy's Line on the Morning of the 2d; and I have now the Happiness to inform you, that after a severe and obstinate Action, which lasted from Six in the Morning until the same Hour at Night, the distinguished Valour of His Majesty's and the Russian Troops prevailed throughout; and the Enemy, being entirely defeated, retired in the Night from the Positions which he occupied on the Lange Dyke, the Koe Dyke at Bergen, and upon the extensive Range of Sand Hills between the latter Place and Egmont-op-Zee. The Points where this well fought Battle was principally contested, were from the Sea Shore in Front of Egmont, extending along the Sandy Desert or Hills to the Heights above Bergen, and it was sustained by the British Columns under the Command of those highly distinguished Officers General Sir Ralph Abercromby and Lieutenant-General Dundas, whose Exertions, as well as the Gallantry of the brave Troops they led, cannot have been surpassed by any former Instance of British Valour.

On the Night of this memorable Day, the Army lay upon their Arms, and Yesterday moved forward and occupied the Positions of the Lange Dyke, Alkmaar, Bergen, Egmont-op-Hoof, and Egmont-op-Zee.

The Enemy's Force, according to the best Information I have been able to obtain, consisted of between Twenty-five and Thirty Thousand Men, of whom a very small Proportion only were Dutch. General Daendels, who commanded the latter, is wounded. The French Troops, who have been continually reinforcing themselves, and whose Loss has been very great, were commanded by Generals Brune, Vandamme, and Bouter.

From the Continuance of the Action, and the Obstinacy with which it was contested, the Victory has not been gained without serious Loss. At present I am not in possession of particular Returns; but I have the Satisfaction to say that no Officer of Rank has fallen. The British Army has to regret Major-General Moore's being wounded in Two Places; and

the Ruſſian Army, Major-General Emme's being alſo wounded; but I am happy to ſay that their Wounds are not of a Nature to lead me to apprehend that I ſhall long be deprived of the Aſſiſtance of their Abilities and Gallantry. It is impoſſible for me at this Moment to do Juſtice to the Merits of the other Generals and Officers of the Allied Army who diſtinguiſhed themſelves, as I muſt defer until To morrow paying my Tribute of Praiſe to them and to the Troops generally, as well as giving the Details of the Battle of the 2d Inſtant. My Attention is ſeriouſly engaged in making the Arrangements which are neceſſary for occupying a forward Poſition in Front of Beverwyck and Wyck-op-Zee, to which Line the Enemy has retreated. I entertain no Doubt that the Extent of Country which will now be under the Protection of the Allied Army, and reſcued from French Tyranny, will afford an Opportunity to its Loyal Inhabitants of declaring themſelves. The Town of Alkmaar, which is the Seat of the States of North Holland, has opened its Gates to our Troops, and a conſiderable Number of the Dutch Troops have come over to the Prince of Orange's Standard.

In order that you may be in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Information as Want of Time will not at preſent allow me to detail, I charge my Aid-de-Camp Captain Fitzgerald with this Diſpatch. He is entirely in my Confidence, and I requeſt Leave to recommend him to His Majeſty as an Officer of ſuperior Merit and Intelligence.

I am, Sir, yours,

FREDERICK.

*The Right Honorable Henry Dundas,*
*&c. &c. &c.*

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